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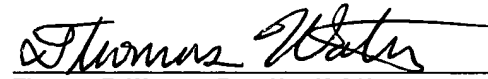
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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING UNIVERSAL REMOTE CONTROL  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In advance of examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter  
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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26, with the following rewritten  
paragraph:

--The system and methods for providing universal remote control of computing

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